GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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THREAT BY ULFA MILITANT TO ONGC IN ASSAM
Singh Shri Uday

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) has received an extortion notice from ULFA militant outfits;

(b) if so, the facts and details thereof;

(c) Whether lives and properties of the employees of ONGC as well as the assets of the Corporation in Assam are completely unsafe and ULFA militants have been threatening them to face dire consequences;

(d) If so, the details of the steps taken/ being taken by ONGC in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER of PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS(SHRI MURLI DEORA)

(a)and(b) Yes sir. A letter dated 01/01/2006 addressed to the Asset Manager, Assam Asset purportedly written by ULFA, demanding Rs. 500 crores was received. No subsequent threat has been received.

(c)and(d) The life and properties of ONGC, Assam Asset are not under threat at present. No employee of ONGC was affected by any militant related incidence.
There have been some attempts by ULFA militants to blow out pipelines by planting explosives in the recent past during Republic Day and other so called 'auspicious days' of ULFA. As such the general life of employees and field operations are not affected by any threat of ULFA militants.